	SCA to TSP	Article 275 (1) of Costs
		(Rs. in lakhs)
1998-99	977.77	162.50
1999-2000	831.57	124.74

Scheme for Cerebral Palsy and Mentally Retarded in Bihar

3155. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are implementing welfare schemes for the citizens with cerebral palsy and mental retardation in the State of Bihar.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of persons being benefited from such schemes at present in the State ?

(d) the assistance being extended by the State Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) and (b) : The Ministry is not implementing any welfare schemes for the citizens with cerebral palsy and mental retardation directly and specifically for the State of Bihar. However, the Ministry implements through the non-Governmental Organizations, "Scheme to promote Voluntry Action for persons with Disabilities", under which NGOs from any of the State/UTs including Bihar desirous of working for the welfare of persons afflicted with Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation can apply for assistance under the terms and conditions of the said scheme.

(c) The Ministry had assisted one such organization in the year 1998-99 which benefits 60 persons.

(d) The Scheme to promote voluntary action for persons with disabilities provide for central assistance to the extent of 90% of the admissible amount and the balance 10% is required to be contributed by voluntry organization. No assistance from the State Government under the Scheme is envisaged.